

WAR EXTRA

BLACKOUT TONIGHT! RADIO STATIONS TO BE SILENT WAKE, GUAM BLASTED

U. S. FORECAST: OCCASIONAL RAIN

Occasional rain today, tonight and tomorrow; warmer tonight; fresh and occasionally strong southerly winds. Temperature at noon today, 47. Temperature during 24 hours ending at noon today: Maximum, 52; minimum, 38. Sunrise, 7:46 a. m.; sunset, 4:16 p. m.

Today's Tides
First low ... 1:01 a. m., -0.4 ft. First high ... 1:02 a. m., 0.2 ft.
Second low ... 7:22 p. m., 0.4 ft. Second high ... 7:22 p. m., 0.4 ft.

Tomorrow's Tides
First low ... 1:02 a. m., -0.2 ft. First high ... 1:02 a. m., 0.2 ft.
Second low ... 7:22 p. m., 0.4 ft. Second high ... 7:22 p. m., 0.4 ft.

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TWO BATTLESHIPS, AIRCRAFT CARRIER SUNK, SAYS JAPAN

By Associated Press.
MANILA, Monday, Dec. 8.—The Japanese radio at Taihoku, Formosa, reported in a broadcast today that Japanese warships have surrounded Guam and said all big buildings on the island were ablaze.

Pan American Airways reported that Japanese bombers "smashed" Wake Island, and that only garbled radio signals were being received from the airways' station at Hong-kong.

TOKYO, Tuesday, Dec. 9.—(Official radio picked up by Associated Press)—The Japanese asserted today they had won naval supremacy over the United States in the Pacific, saying by official or unofficial reports the destruction of two American battleships and an aircraft carrier and the damaging of four battleships and six cruisers.

These, declared the Japanese, were the principal results of the first shock of their air-naval offensive. The assertion of supremacy appeared in a commentary resume broadcast by Domei, which said that any force the United States now could muster "would be regarded as utterly inadequate to accomplish any successful outcome in an encounter with the thus far intact Japanese fleet."

Imperial Headquarters, in an announcement broadcast by Domei, said the two battleships and a minesweeper had been sunk; four battleships and six cruisers damaged; many merchant ships seized and scores of planes destroyed aground and in the air in Hawaii and the Philippines.

The communique said also that a United States aircraft carrier had been sunk by a submarine off Honolulu "although this is not confirmed."

So far as naval losses went, the Japanese said they had escaped unscathed and they acknowledged the loss of only two planes in Philippine actions.

Minesweeper Sunk
The Japanese said that the minesweeper, the 840-ton Penguin, was sunk in an air attack yesterday on Guam, United States naval station.

(An Italian broadcast quoted Domei as listing the 33,100-ton Pennsylvania and the 29,000-ton Oklahoma as lost. Domei also was reported to have said that two United States destroyers and two oil tankers had been destroyed.)

The Imperial Headquarters identified none of the warships reported sunk except the Penguin, but early editions of Tuesday morning papers carried unofficial identification of the two battleships as the Oklahoma and the 31,800-ton West Virginia.

"Observers stressed the magnificent early Japanese success, point out that it was reliably reported that the United States naval strength stationed in Hawaiian waters prior to the Japanese attack comprised approximately 80 per cent of the United States entire naval power," a Domei broadcast said.

"Early losses have reduced the American Navy at Hawaii by two more capital ships, plus a single aircraft carrier, six cruisers (sic)."

"Even the addition of the remainder of the United States Fleet to the Hawaiian forces—which is impossible in view of the Atlantic situation—would bring the total strength of the United States naval power in the Pacific to 11 capital ships, 14 'A' class cruisers and six aircraft carriers."

"This force would be regarded as utterly inadequate to accomplish any successful outcome in an encounter with the thus far intact Japanese fleet."

The Japanese spoke little of the first air assaults Sunday on Pearl Harbor.

Many Seattle Japanese interned. Following page.

CONVICTION OF BRIDGES REVERSED

By Associated Press.
WASHINGTON, Monday, Dec. 8.—The Supreme Court of the United States reversed today, contempt-of-court convictions against The Los Angeles Times and Harry Bridges, West Coast Congress of Industrial Organizations' labor leader.

Justice Black, who delivered the majority decision, asserted that the first amendment to the federal Constitution prohibits "any law abridging the freedom of speech or of the press" and "must be taken as a command of the broadest scope that explicit language, read in the context of a liberty-loving society, will allow."

The newspaper was convicted on charges growing out of the publication of editorials about court cases prior to a final settlement.

Bridges was convicted of sending to Secretary of Labor Frances Perkins a telegram, subsequently (Continued on Page 10, Column 1)

100 Reported Under Arrest in Tokyo

BERLIN, Monday, Dec. 8.—D. N. B.—The official news agency, reported tonight from Tokyo that Japanese officials have arrested 100 persons "of undisclosed nationality" as a counter-espionage measure.

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ALL LIGHTS IN N. W. MUST GO OUT AT 11 AS DEFENSE MOVE

Defense of the Pacific Northwest has become so critical late today that Brig. Gen. Carlyle H. Wash, commander of the Second Interceptor Command, ordered a blackout for 11 o'clock tonight from the Canadian boundary to Roseburg, Or.

All Pacific Northwest radio stations except Station KIRO in Seattle, were ordered silenced at 7 o'clock tonight. KIRO is to be the mouthpiece of all official news tonight.

The blackouts and radio silence will probably be continued for two or three nights, General Wash stated.

More than 10,000 air-raid wardens, fire watchers, emergency police and emergency fire squads will be at stations or on telephone call in Seattle tonight. Wellington Rupp, chairman of the civilian defense section here for the State Defense Council, said:

Al. Ruth, executive secretary of the civilian defense section, said 8,749 volunteers were on the rolls eight days ago and that hundreds of other citizens had volunteered yesterday and today.

The city now has more than 6,300 wardens and fire-watchers and about 4,000 others in the system.

The Interceptor Command placed its 6,000 air-raid observers on 24-hour duty at Northwest stations at 1 o'clock this afternoon.

By Associated Press.
SINGAPORE, Monday, Dec. 8.—A report from Manila late today said Japanese forces had made an unsuccessful attempt to land in British North Borneo, but the report could not be confirmed in military quarters here.

By Associated Press.
BERLIN, Monday, Dec. 8.—A D. N. B. dispatch from Tokyo said today that two British cruisers had been sunk in the course of Japanese air raids on Singapore. It quoted a Hanoi dispatch to the Tokyo newspaper Yomiuri as authority.

By United Press.
SAN FRANCISCO, Monday, Dec. 8.—The Singapore Radio, heard by a United Press listening post here today, reported two American-built Hudson bombers operating off the northern Malayan coast had scored direct hits on two Japanese troopships and another Hudson bomber had scored a direct hit on a barge loaded with Japanese soldiers.

MANILA BOMBED TWICE SEATTLE ON WAR BASIS U. S. RECRUITING SOARS NAZIS MAY AID JAPAN BERLIN ADMITS RED GAINS

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'I ASK THAT THE CONGRESS DECLARE . . .'



TODAY IN WASHINGTON
Declaring Japan guilty of a "dastardly, unprovoked attack," President Roosevelt asks Congress to declare war. Listening are Vice President Henry Wallace (left) and Sam Rayburn, Speaker of the House of Representatives. A short time later Congress declared war.—A. P. wirephoto.

WELDERS END PEACE CALL, WILL STRIKE

By Associated Press.
WASHINGTON, Monday, Dec. 8.—The United Brotherhoods of Welders, Cutters & Helpers, an independent labor union, today rescinded an order of yesterday calling off a nation-wide strike and instructed all local officers to get their men ready "for a sudden and determined walkout."

A strike set for tomorrow had been called off because of the war situation.

National leaders said the new call came because members of the (Continued on Page 8, Column 5)

'We Must Face War United' —Lindbergh

CHICAGO, Monday, Dec. 8.—(AP)—Charles A. Lindbergh issued the following statement through the America First Committee today:

"We have been stepping closer to war for many months. Now it has come and we must meet it as united Americans regardless of our attitude in the past toward the policy our government has followed. Whether or not that policy has been wise, our country has been attacked by force of arms and by force of arms we must retaliate. Our own defenses, and our own military position have already been neglected too long. We must now turn every effort to building the greatest and most efficient army, navy and air force in the world. When American soldiers go to war, it must be with the best equipment that modern skill can design and that modern industry can build."

NEW YORK, Monday, Dec. 8.—(AP)—The American First Committee announced today that because of the United States' declaration of war against Japan, all America First rallies and meetings in the New York area would be canceled "for the present."

Three more Needy Families sold. Music concert nets \$492.08. Page 13.

WAR DECLARED BY U. S.; 1,500 DEAD IN ATTACK ON HAWAII

By Associated Press.
WASHINGTON, Monday, Dec. 8.—Congress voted a formal declaration of war against Japan today, after President Roosevelt requested immediate action as an answer to Japan's "unprovoked and dastardly attack" on Hawaii.

President Roosevelt signed the declaration of war against Japan at 4:10 p. m., formally setting the nation to its task of achieving what he called an "inevitable triumph."

A united Congress acted swiftly after the President had revealed that American forces lost two warships and 1,500 had been killed and 1,500 wounded in the surprise dawn attack yesterday. The President asserted one battleship captured in Pearl Harbor and a destroyer was blown up.

The Senate vote was 82 to 0.

The House vote was 388 to 1. Miss Jeannette Rankin, Republican, Montana, who voted against a declaration of war with Germany in 1917, was the lone member casting a negative vote. Representative Harold Knutson, Republican, Minnesota, who also voted against the 1917 declaration, voted for war against Japan.

Naval Victory Boasted by Japan

As Congress was acting, Japan boasted she had won naval supremacy over the United States in the Pacific. The Japanese asserted in reports broadcast by the official radio in Tokyo, that they had destroyed two American battleships and one aircraft carrier and had damaged four other battleships and six cruisers.

A D. N. B. news dispatch from Tokyo said a United States transport had been sunk with loss of 350 men near Manila.

In his epochal message to Congress, President Roosevelt made no mention of Italy and Germany as he asked for war against Japan.

Both branches cheered to the echo President Roosevelt's (Continued on second following page, Column 2)

- - BULLETINS - -

By Associated Press.

WASHINGTON, Monday, Dec. 8.—A White House statement today declared that Germany "obviously" did all it could "to push Japan into the war" in a hope it would end the lend-lease program.

The statement, issued without explanation, said: "Obviously Germany did all it could to push Japan into the war. It was the German hope that if the United States and Japan could be pushed into war such a conflict would put an end to the lend-lease program."

"As usual, the wish is father to the thought behind the broadcasts and public announcements emanating from Germany with relation to the war and the lend-lease program."

"That such German broadcasts and announcements are continuously and completely 100 per cent inaccurate is shown by the fact that the lend-lease program is, and will continue in full operation."

By Associated Press.

HONGKONG, Monday, Dec. 8.—Japanese planes struck twice at this closely guarded British colony today, running into heavy fire which the British said brought one of the raiders down and scattered the others.

A communique after the second raid declared "the defense plan continues to develop satisfactorily. . . . In a raid this afternoon a few bombs were dropped, but the raiders scattered as soon as they were fired on and damage and casualties were not extensive."

In the morning attack nine planes bombed Kowloon, mainland sector of the colony.

By United Press.

MANILA, P. I., Monday, Dec. 8.—Press dispatches reported that 100 to 200 troops, 50 of them Americans, were killed or injured tonight when Japanese planes raided Iba, on the west coast of the Island of Luzon, north of the Langapo Naval Base.

By Associated Press.

BERLIN, Monday, Dec. 8.—A D. N. B. dispatch tonight from Tokyo, quoting a report in the Japanese newspaper Yomiuri from Saigon, French Indo-China, said a United States transport had been sunk with a loss of 350 men in waters around Manila.

KEEP OUT OF THE WAY

In time of war, the military has the right of way. Everybody has a job to do. The civilian can best do his by keeping out of the way of the military—by doing everything he can to cooperate with the Army and Navy. See Page 6 for further editorial comment.